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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. The CHAIRMAN, referring to the question of complementarity of the agendas of the Second and Third Committees and of the Economic and Social Council, recalled that, at the 28th meeting, he had suggested that in negotiations on draft resolutions pertaining to the programme of work, operative paragraphs providing for the inclusion of items on the agenda or relating to reports to be submitted at future sessions of the Second or Third Committees should be placed within square brackets. On that occasion there had been no objection, and the relevant decision had been adopted. He hoped that the same agreement could be reached at the current meeting.

2. Mr. YENEL (Turkey) supported the Chairman's suggestion and asked the Secretariat to prepare a list of the reports and agenda items proposed in the draft resolutions, in order to facilitate the Committee's work.

3. It was so decided.

4. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines) said that he was pleased that item 141, "Emergency international assistance for the reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan", was to be examined at plenary meetings of the General Assembly. He wished the Philippines to be included among the sponsors of the draft resolution.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued) (A/C.2/47/L.50, A/C.2/47/L.39)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.50

5. Mr. BIAOU (Benin), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/L.50, entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa", pointed out that the text of the draft resolution was not really new, as it was very similar to that of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/44, adopted in July 1992. The only new element was in paragraph 9, which requested a mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade and the submission of a report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session. He hoped that the draft resolution would be adopted by consensus.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.39

6. Miss DIOP (Senegal), speaking as Vice-Chairman, announced that the negotiations on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.39, entitled "Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women", had been fruitful and had led to an agreement. She introduced a small amendment to the first line of the sixth preambular paragraph, whereby the words "the President" were to be replaced by the words "the sponsor". She suggested that the draft resolution should be adopted by consensus.

7. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines) said that his delegation wished to be included among the sponsors of the draft resolution.

8. Mr. PORTOCARRERO (Belgium) said that Bangladesh and Lesotho had asked to be included among the sponsors.

9. Mr. GERTZE (Namibia) and Mr. SIDDING (Sudan) also asked to be included among the sponsors.

10. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.39 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 87: SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE (continued)
(A/C.2/47/L.48, L.49, L.15/Rev.1, L.19/Rev.1 and L.26/Rev.1)

(b) SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.48

11. Mr. AMMARIN (Jordan), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.48, entitled "Emergency assistance to the Sudan", noted that the Sudan had been seriously affected by the conflicts in neighbouring countries, because of the massive influx of refugees. Although agricultural production had increased, it was not sufficient to meet all the needs, and the Sudan required external assistance. He added that Suriname had joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.49

12. Mr. MSENGEZI (Zimbabwe), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.49, entitled "Special assistance to the front-line States", said that Finland and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya had asked to be added to the list of sponsors. He pointed out that the draft resolution reaffirmed the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, and welcomed the holding of elections in Angola and the General Peace Agreement in Mozambique. Because of the drought which was currently ravaging the southern African region and the continuing adverse effects of past acts of aggression and destabilization in the region, the draft resolution urged the international community to continue to provide assistance to the front-line States.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.15/Rev.1

13. Miss DIOP (Senegal), speaking as Vice-Chairman, said that the consultations on the draft resolution had been encouraging, and suggested that it should be adopted without a vote, on the understanding that paragraph 6 would be left in square brackets.

14. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.15/Rev.1 was adopted.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.19/Rev.1

15. The CHAIRMAN announced that Colombia had become a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.19/Rev.1.

16. Miss DIOP (Senegal), speaking as Vice-Chairman, said that the negotiations had met with success and proposed that the Committee should adopt the draft resolution on the understanding that operative paragraph 3 would remain in square brackets.

17. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.19/Rev.1 was adopted.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.26/Rev.1

18. The CHAIRMAN announced that Colombia and Finland had become sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.26/Rev.1.

19. Mr. MUCHANGA (Zambia) said that Zambia also wished to become a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.26/Rev.1.

20. Miss DIOP (Senegal), speaking as Vice-Chairman, said that the consultations held on the matter had been fruitful and proposed the adoption of the draft resolution, provided that operative subparagraph 10 (c) remained in square brackets.

21. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.19/Rev.1 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 78: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.11

22. Miss DIOP (Senegal), speaking as Vice-Chairman, said that the consultations held on the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/47/L.11 had been fruitful and recommended its adoption, provided that operative paragraph 3 was put between square brackets.

23. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.11 was adopted with oral amendments.

AGENDA ITEM 84: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

(a) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITMENTS AND POLICIES AGREED UPON IN THE DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IN PARTICULAR THE REVITALIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE FOURTH UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.9

24. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines) called attention to the substantive nature of the documents listed in the third preambular paragraph of the draft resolution and suggested that, following the informal consultations held on the matter,

(Mr. Guerrero, Philippines)

the Committee could adopt it without a vote on the understanding that operative paragraphs 3 and 4 would be placed between square brackets.

25. Mr. MA Zhaoxu (China) pointed out that, before the draft resolution was adopted, the third preambular paragraph of the Chinese text contained an error concerning the name of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, which should be corrected.

26. Mr. BIAOU (Benin) noted that, in the French version, the acronym for the name of the Conference in the third preambular paragraph had to be corrected.

27. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.9 was adopted with the oral amendments.

28. Miss KELLEY (Secretary of the Committee) announced that various countries had expressed their desire to become sponsors of several draft resolutions to be considered by the Committee, namely, with respect to draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1, the Democratic Republic of Korea, Gabon, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the United Republic of Tanzania and Vanuatu; draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.28, Namibia, Senegal and Sri Lanka; draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.29, Morocco; draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.36, Oman, Singapore, Somalia and Thailand; and draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.37, Samoa, the Solomon Islands and Spain.

29. Miss RAMIREZ (Panama) and Mr. MSENGEZI (Zimbabwe) said that their delegations had become sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1.

30. Mr. BIAOU (Benin) said that his delegation, plus those of Ecuador and Tunisia, wished to become sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.28. Moreover, Benin had not been included, and should have been included, in the list of sponsors of the draft resolution on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti (A/C.2/47/L.20/Rev.1). Benin also wished to become a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.49 on special assistance to the front-line States.

31. Mr. PRASODJO (Indonesia) said that his delegation wished to join in sponsoring the draft resolution on economic assistance to Vanuatu (A/C.2/47/L.37).

32. The CHAIRMAN announced that agenda item 141, "Emergency international assistance for the reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan", which had initially been assigned to the Second Committee, would instead be considered at a plenary meeting of the General Assembly by virtue of a recommendation made by the Bureau at Afghanistan's request.

The meeting rose at 4.25 p.m.